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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A RESOLUTION memorializing Kipchoge "Choge"  
Neftali Kirkland.

*Whereas, Kipchoge Neftali Kirkland, assistant professor of  
curriculum and instruction at Indiana University, died March  
18, 2005, at the age of 34;*

*Whereas, Choge, as he preferred to be called, was a  
spoken-word scholar and a poet;*

*Whereas, Dr. Kirkland received a bachelor's degree in  
microbiology and a master's degree in education from  
Washington State University;*

*Whereas, Dr. Kirkland earned his doctorate in Curriculum*

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*and Instruction with a specialization in Multicultural Education from the University of Washington;*

*Whereas, Throughout his short life, Dr. Kirkland promoted equality and social justice and was active in the College Knowledge for the Mind program at Washington State University, a pre-college seminar for African-American students and parents;*

*Whereas, Dr. Kirkland was always thinking of the needs of others, and freely donated his time and talents, serving as the president of the African-American Student Association, a staff counselor in the College of Engineering and Architecture Young Scholars Program, a member of the African-American Student Center AIDS Awareness Program, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and an active member of the National Association for Multicultural Education, the American Educational Research Association, and the College and University Faculty Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies;*

*Whereas, Dr. Kirkland was also involved with the Molo Care Project at the University of Port Elizabeth in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, where he used his boundless teaching talents in an effort to instill a love of learning in the children of Port Elizabeth;*

*Whereas, Dr. Kirkland taught briefly at Antioch and Seattle University but chose Indiana University because the School of Education had a strong social studies foundation and faculty and a growing commitment to multicultural education;*

*Whereas, While at Indiana University, Dr. Kirkland taught courses in social studies education, multicultural education, and curriculum theory;*

*Whereas, In recognition of his many talents and accomplishments, Dr. Kirkland received the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award, the "Keeping the Dream Alive" Celebration Plaque, the Black Male Orientation to Leadership Development Certificate, and the University of Washington College of Education 2001 Graduate Student Leadership Award; and*



*Whereas, The people and places who came into contact with Dr. Kirkland are definitely better for having known him; his death has left a void that will never be filled: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses  
2           its deepest sympathies to the family of Kipchoge Neftali Kirkland in the  
3           hope that they are able to find comfort in the fact that he improved the  
4           lives of everyone he encountered.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6           Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of  
7           Kipchoge Neftali Kirkland.

